

Shipton U13 Girls 2011 Oxfordshire Champions

7 matches, 7 wins
120 overs of cricket.
What a record!

High Hopes

Rob Gorton and I had high hopes at the start of the season for the U13 girls' side and those hopes were very much realised. The season opener, the Banbury Festival, was won in convincing style which means that Shipton will now host the 2012 tournament. We were clear favourites to win the Lady Taverners' Tournament as well, being reigning champions, but lost a tied final. We lost one more wicket to a Banbury side fleshed out with girls from other clubs. But the main target of the year was to be crowned Oxfordshire Champions. Two groups of six teams contested the tournament and we won our league comfortably beating Banbury, Freeland, Charlbury, Sandford St Martin, Hook Norton and Freeland. We faced Oxford



Back row: Kate Armistead, Millie Light, Eloise-Ruthven-Stewart, Miya Rivers, and Jess Simpson **Front row:** Lara Connolly, Emily Day, Ella Gorton.

Other squad members: Zara Latter, Sophie Tennison, Kirsty Sumner, Sarah Gambrel.)

Downs in the semi final and played superbly to win by 147 runs. In the final we met Aston Rowant who boasted three county players and once again the girls won comfortably by 82 runs. U13 girls' cricket is hardball but played in a pairs format with runs being deducted if a batter is out.

An Awesome Side

One extraordinary statistic underscores

our total dominance as champions-in seven matches totalling 120 overs per side, Shipton scored 797 runs and net runs scored against us was - 19!

Paul Salway said in his presentation speech when commiserating with Aston Rowant that they had played some very good cricket but come up against "an absolutely awesome side in Shipton." That comment tells the story of our season.

Brian Rivers

Champions Meet England Lady Captain

As Oxfordshire Champions our U11s travelled to Chard in Somerset on 11th August for their regional finals. Availability of players and training was difficult as the summer holidays began but Brenda and Sue managed to get a team together. They came 4th and met the England Ladies' captain Charlotte Edwards - a day to remember!

Rob Gorton

